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SUBJ: SHAH PUBLISHES GUIDELINES FOR THE SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION

1. THE SHAH'S NEW BOOK, TOWARD THE GREAT CIVILIZATION, WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC JANUARY 25, COINCIDING WITH THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION, GLOWING REVIEWS APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF ALL NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 26 AND TEXT OF PREFACE AND CONCLUDING, "MESSAGE TO THE IRANIAN PEOPLE", WERE REPRINTED IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEHRAN JOURNAL. (THAT PAPER ANNOUNCED IT WILL PUBLISH A SERIALIZED, UNOFFICIAL, ABRIDGED TRANSLATION OF THE 320 PAGE WORK. ARTICLES WILL BE POUCHED TO NEA/IRN AS THEY APPEAR. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAS INFORMED US THAT OFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS IN PREPARATION AND WILL APPEAR IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.)

2. IN PREFACE SHAH STATES THAT THIS BOOK, HIS THIRD, FOLLOWS ON "MISSION FOR MY COUNTRY" (1962) WHICH WAS HISTORICAL IN NATURE AND "THE WHITE REVOLUTION" (1967) WHICH DISCUSSED THEN-CURRENT PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY. HIS LATEST BEST-SELLER CONCERNS THE FUTURE, AND IS CONSIDERED BY THE SHAH "PART OF MY NATIONAL DUTY." WITHIN TEXT SHAH HAS PROCLAIMED CATCHY SLOGAN, "WORK, WORK, MORE WORK," A THEME HIGHLIGHTED IN NEWS HEADLINES TODAY AND INCREASINGLY STRESSED BY GOI LEADERS IN
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RECENT SPEECHES. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION WORK ETHIC EXHORTATIONS HAVE CAUGHT IMAGINATION OF POPULACE.

3. IN CONCLUDING SECTION, SHAH PROVIDES SELF-PERCEPTION OF HIS PRESENT POSITION WITHIN IRANIAN SOCIETY: "MY POWER ALSO, BOTH UNDER LAW AND DUE TO THE SPECIAL SPIRITUAL LINK THAT I HAVE WITH MY PEOPLE, IS AT ITS HIGHEST PEAK. ON THE OTHER

HAND THIS ENTAILS FOR ME ROUND-THE-CLOCK BACK-BREAKING WORK, CONSTANT AND CONCERTED EFFORTS, INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND PERMANENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH PROVOCATIONS, PLOTS AND ENMITIES WHICH WOULD, MOST PROBABLY, HAVE NOT COME TO THE SURFACE OTHERWISE."

3. TOUCHING ON A SENSITIVE CONTEMPORARY ISSUE, THE SHAH, IN A "FITTING FINALE" TO THE CHAPTER DEALING WITH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, STRESSES THE NEED FOR REINFORCING RELIGIOUS FAITH. HE MAKES A CLEAR DISTINCTION, HOWEVER, BETWEEN "REAL FAITH" AND "MISINTERPRETATIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE IN "THIS FIELD," NOTING THAT "THE REAL MEANING OF ISLAM IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH BIASED INTERPRETATIONS OR THOSE DESIGNED TO MISLEAD PEOPLE AND BRACKET PROMOTE END BRACKET REACTIONARY ENDS."

4. COMMENT: MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT OF SHAH'S LATEST PRO- NOUNCEMENT MUST AWAIT READING OF FULL TEXT. BOOK HAS BEEN CONSCIOUSLY PREPARED AS GUIDELINE FOR NATION'S FUTURE AND AS SUCH WILL BE FOCAL POINT FOR GOI LEADERSHIP AND REQUIRED READING (WORK, WORK, MORE WORK) FOR THOSE FOLLOWING DEVELOP- MENTS IN IRAN.
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